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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY

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1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS EVENING  
OF OCTOBER 23 AND MORNING OF OCTOBER 24.

2. SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL. THE OCTOBER 23 EVENING NATIONWIDE  
NEWS PROGRAM CARRIED THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW AS  
ITS EIGHTH ITEM. TWO MINUTES IN THE MIDDLE PORTION OF THE  
HALF-HOUR BROADCAST WERE DEVOTED TO FILMED COVERAGE OF  
THE ARRIVAL, AND THE SECRETARY'S BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH A  
SOVIET TV CORRESPONDENT. THE EVENING GOVERNMENT PAPER,  
IZVESTIYA, RAN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SECRETARY AND A BRIEF  
BIOGRAPHIC ARTICLE ON ITS THIRD PAGE. THE MORNING CENTRAL PRESS  
ANNOUNCED THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW IN ITEMS ON  
THE USUAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS PAGES. THE REPORTS NOTE THAT  
THE SECRETARY HAS COME TO DISCUSS "QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL  
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INTEREST TO THE USSR AND THE USA." IZVESTIYA NOTES THAT HIS

PREVIOUS VISITS HAVE INCLUDED PREPARATION FOR AND CARRYING OUT SUMMIT MEETINGS.

3. DISARMAMENT. A SIGNED REPORT FROM NEW YORK IN THIS MORNING'S PRAVDA ON THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO DISARMAMENT, COMMENTING THAT DEFINITE PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THIS FIELD WITHIN THE RECENT PAST, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF US-SOVIET AGREEMENTS. THE REPORT NOTES SOVIET UN PROPOSALS IN THIS FIELD, AND ADVOCATES BROADER INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE NPT. A SIGNED COMMENTARY IN LAST NIGHT'S IZVESTIYA ON THE UN ECHOED MANY OF THESE SAME POINTS, ESPECIALLY NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF US-SOVIET DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS. PRAVDA THIS MORNING ANNOUNCES THAT A REGULAR SESSION WAS HELD YESTERDAY AT SALT-II.

4. OTHER TREATMENT OF THE US: SEVERAL MILDLY UNFAVORABLE ITEMS APPEAR IN THIS MORNING'S PRAVDA ON THE US: A SHORT TASS ITEM ON RACIAL TROUBLES IN BOSTON; A CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT ON LAY-OFF OF WORKERS BY CHRYSLER IN DETROIT, AND A TASS ITEM ON THE REOPENING OF JAMES RAY CASE.

5. CASTRO CALLS FOR US-CUBAN TIES: PRAVDA RUNS A TASS ITEM ON CASTRO'S CBS INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAYS THAT CUBA IS READY FOR TALKS WITH THE US ON THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES, PROVIDED THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IF LIFTED.

6. MIDDLE EAST: RED STAR AND PRAVDA CARRY TASS ITEMS ON ALLEGED ISRAELI PROVOCATIONS AGAINST LEBANON, ACCUSING ISRAEL OF MAKING PATROL INCURSIONS ONTO AND OVERFLYING LEBANESE TERRITORY. THE ITEMS CONTEND THAT THE VILLAGE OF TEIR KHARFA (PHONETIC) IN SOUTH LEBANON WAS SUBJECTED TO A HEAVY ARTILLERY BARRAGE LAST NIGHT. AN IZVESTIYA PRESS SERVICE PIECE IN LAST NIGHT'S IZVESTIYA REPLAYS AN AFP ITEM IN WHICH "AUTHORITATIVE FRENCH CIRCLES" ARE CITED AS SAYING THAT THE SAUVAGNARGUES MEETING WITH ARAFAT IS A NEW STEP TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE PLO.

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7. PACIFIC ROCKET DROP ZONE OPENED. ALL CENTRAL PRESS PUBLISHES A TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OPENING THE PACIFIC DROP ZONE FOR ICBMS AS OF OCTOBER 23. THE ZONE HAD BEEN CLOSED FOR NAVIGATION OCTOBER 20-30, BUT WAS OPENED EARLY BECAUSE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PLANNED LAUNCHES.

8. PAKISTANI PREMIER BHUTTO ARRIVES TODAY. PRAVDA

FRONTPAGES THE PHOTOGRAPH AND BIOGRAPHY OF PAKISTANI  
PM ALI BHUTTO WHO ARRIVES TODAY.  
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